

Topic 3.3 - Empires: Belief Systems c. 1450 - c. 1750

Thematic Focus - Cultural Developments and Interactions (CDI)

The development of ideas, beliefs, and religions illustrates how groups in society view themselves, and the interactions of societies and their beliefs often have political, social, and cultural implications.

Learning Objective

Explain the continuity and change within the various belief systems during the period from 1450 - 1750.

Historical Developments

The Protestant Reformation marked a break with existing Christian traditions and both the Protestant and Catholic reformations contributed to the growth of Christianity.

Political rivalries between the Ottoman and Safavid empires intensified the split within Islam between Sunni and Shi'a.

Sikhism developed in South Asia in a context of interactions between Hinduism and Islam.